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	Declaration	OR	First Named Inventor	Ted Franklin Prater
			<b>COMPLETE IF KNOWN</b>	
			Application Number	
			Filing Date	
			Group Art Unit	
			Examiner Name	

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

LIQUID FILTER WITH SEPARATE AND CALIBRATED VAPOR RELEASE

(Title of the Invention)

the specification of which  
 is attached hereto

OR

was filed on (MM/DD/YYYY)  as United States Application Number or PCT

International Number  and was amended on (MM/DD/YYYY)

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37 Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code §119(a)-(d) or §365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or §365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below, by checking the box, any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or of any PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

Prior Foreign Application Number(s)	Country	Foreign Filing Date (MM/DD/YYYY)	Priority Not Claimed	Copy Attached?	
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Additional foreign application numbers are listed on a supplemental priority sheet attached hereto:

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code §119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below.

Application Number(s)	Filing Date (MM/DD/YYYY)	Additional provisional <input type="checkbox"/> Application numbers are listed on a supplemental priority sheet attached hereto.

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Atty. Docket No. 4695-00013

**DECLARATION**

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code §120 of any United States application(s), or §365© of any PCT international application designated the United States of America, listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States of PCT International application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code §112. I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations §1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

U.S. Parent Application Number	PCT Parent Number	Parent Filing Date (MM/DD/YYYY)	Parent Patent Number (if applicable)
09/934,576		08/22/2001	

Additional U.S. or PCT international application numbers are listed on a supplemental priority sheet attached hereto.

As a named inventor, I hereby appoint the following attorney(s) and/or agent(s) to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith:

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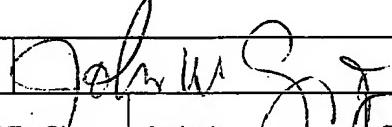
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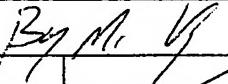
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DECLARATION		ADDITIONAL INVENTOR(S) Supplemental Sheet	
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## ASSIGNMENT

I, identified below as "Inventor," have made certain new and useful improvements in an invention ("Invention"), as set forth in an application for United States Letters Patent executed or about to be executed by me and bearing the following title and Attorney Docket No. and for which the Attorney of record is hereby authorized to insert the serial number and filing date when ascribed:

Title: **LIQUID FILTER WITH SEPARATE AND CALIBRATED VAPOR RELEASE**

Serial Number: 10/116,461 Filing Date: 04/04/2002 Atty. Docket No. 4191-00179

For good and valuable consideration, I do hereby sell, assign, and transfer to Fleetguard, Inc. ("Assignee"), a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Indiana, and located and doing business at 402 BNA Drive, Building 100, Suite 500, Nashville, Tennessee 37217, and to its legal representatives, successors, and assigns, my entire right, title, and interest in and to the Invention and to all United States and foreign patent applications any of whose claims cover all or part of the Invention, together with all patents resulting from such applications including any continuations, divisions, reissues or extensions thereof. Assignee shall hold such right, title, and interest as fully and completely as they would have been held by me had this assignment and sale not been made.

I agree, upon Assignee's request, to execute or assent to such United States and foreign patent applications and to execute all separate assignments and other legal documents that Assignee may find necessary or desirable in its exercise of the right, title, and interest assigned above. I also agree to communicate to Assignee any facts relating to the Invention or to any of the patent applications or patents contemplated above that may be useful to Assignee and to testify as to such facts in any interferences or in litigation, if requested to do so. I shall do all these things without additional compensation but at no expense to me.

I hereby request the Commissioner of Patents to issue to Assignee, as the owner of my entire right, title, and interest therein, any Letters Patent of the United States that may be issued for the Invention.

Inventor: Ted Franklin Prater Date: 4-1-02

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County of Putnam)

On this 1<sup>st</sup> day of April, 2002, before me personally appeared said Ted Franklin Prater, known to me to be the person who executed the above instrument and acknowledged to me that he or she executed the same for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

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Deborah Ann Wipfle  
Notary Public  
My Commission expires: 5/21/06

Title: LIQUID FILTER WITH SEPARATE AND CALIBRATED VAPOR RELEASE

Serial Number: 10/116,461 Filing Date: 04/04/2002 Atty. Docket No. 4191-00179

Inventor: Zemin Jiang Date: April 1st, 02  
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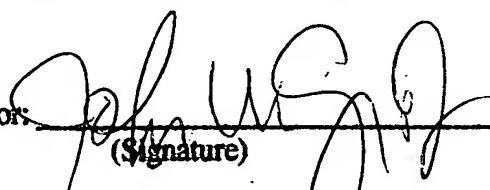
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Lisa G. Jones  
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Serial Number: 10/116,461 Filing Date: 04/04/2002 Atty. Docket No. 4191-00179

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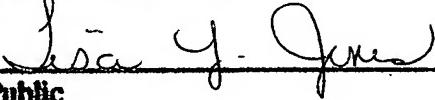
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